

## PROPOSED CLOSURE OF DOGM FILE

December 9, 1997

FILE NO.: S/047/037 MINE NAME: Golden Rule Mine  
OPERATOR: Earl Gross, Golden Rule Mining Company, 1438 West 500 North, Vernal, Utah  
84078, phone (801) 789-7644  
LOCATION: S/2 NW/4 section 15, T16S, R22E, SLBM, Uintah County  
SURFACE OWNERSHIP: private - Dale Slaugh (patented ground)  
MINERAL OWNERSHIP: private - Dale Slaugh (patented ground)  
DATE OF LAST DOGM INSPECTION: 4/4/95

### JUSTIFICATION FOR FILE CLOSURE S/047/037

This project site had been previously impacted by a sand and gravel operation prior to the initiation of operations by Earl Gross. The disturbances are located on privately owned land. A lease agreement existed between Earl Gross and the land owner, Dale Slaugh. The site was mined after Earl Gross by a sublease agreement with Frank Dvorak of A to Z Precious Metals. The site was inspected in the company of Dan Gross, son of Earl Gross, and Frank Dvorak on April 4, 1995. Due to the previous impacts to the site from the sand and gravel operations and the impacts to the site by additional mining after Earl Gross' operations, it was not reasonable to require Earl Gross to reclaim the site to a pre-mining state.

Disturbances which are currently remaining at the site include a wood and earthen ramp, several shallow excavations, and several piles of sorted materials. The excavations and piles do not appear to pose significant safety hazards to the public. The disturbances are visible from the river. According to Dan Gross the private land owner has released the lessee from further reclamation obligations. The operator has no further desire to conduct operations at this site.